

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary just 10
days before the
election is a clear
example of the
dangers of media
consolidation.

Sinclair has a
public trust, uses
the public airwaves
free of charge, and
is obligated by law
to serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.